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1. In early January about 800 tanks were observed in the area between Manp'ojin and Pyoro-dong (126-15, 41-08) (BA-6957). Groups of about 10 tanks each were in the nearby mountains. Between 15 and 25 January about 50 or 60 tanks moved south each night while other tanks were dispersed in the valleys during the day. About 300 tanks remained in the area in late January.<sup>1</sup>
2. Most of these tanks moved to Kaego (126-18, 40-22) (EX-7172) where there are 24 caves used as tank shelters. After a short interval, the tanks moved to Tongbyon (125-48, 39-49) (YE-4011), T'aech'ŏn (125-30, 39-55) (YE-1421) and Pakch'ŏn (125-35, 39-44) (YE-2101). The Chinese Communist drivers of these tanks were ordered not to cross the 39th Parallel. A few North Korean soldiers and Soviet advisers accompany these tanks.<sup>2</sup>

1.   Comment. The numbers appear greatly exaggerated.

2.   Comment. According to information available to this office, the North Korean 105 Tank Division was training in the Manp'ojin area in late 1951 and was expecting additional tanks from the Soviets in the near future.

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